

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The current status of all claims in the Application is as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An adapter having an integrated ballast and starting arrangement for an annular fluorescent lamps lamp having a pin base for connecting the adapter to conventional incandescent lamp sockets, the adapter having comprising: a housing for accommodating the integrated ballast and starting arrangement and having two ends and a set-back section and including a concentric attachment ; having a screw or bayonet base for connection to a conventional incandescent lamp socket ,being attached to this the housing, the housing having a substantially cuboidal configuration and lying substantially within the space enclosed by the an annular fluorescent lamp, and a first and a second holder ,which partially encloses the a pin base of the fluorescent lamp or the a discharge vessel of the fluorescent lamp, being attached respectively to each of the two ends of the housing, the first holder also containing a pin base socket for accommodating and making electrical contact with the pin base fluorescent lamp and the second holder having a sliding apparatus displaceably seated in the set-back section of the housing for locking the annular fluorescent lamp.
2. The adapter as claimed in claim 1, wherein the housing of the adapter is assembled from a lower part, an upper part and a sliding part.
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6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The adapter as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first holder with the pin base socket comprises ~~in each case~~ at least one extension, in the form of a hook, of ~~the a~~ lower part and at least one extension, in ~~the a~~ form of a hook, of ~~the an~~ upper part of the housing, which together enclose the fluorescent lamp in ~~the a~~ form of a semicircle.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The adapter as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second holder with the sliding apparatus comprises at least one extension, in ~~the a~~ form of a hook, of ~~the a~~ lower part of the housing, on which the fluorescent lamp rests, as well as ~~the a~~ sliding part, the sliding part having at least one extension, in ~~the a~~ form of a hook, for holding the ~~lamp~~ discharge vessel, resting on ~~the an~~ upper part of the housing and being capable of being displaced in ~~the a~~ direction of ~~the a~~ longitudinal axis of the housing for ~~the purpose of~~ locking the fluorescent lamp.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The adapter as claimed in claim 7, wherein the sliding part has a U-shaped cross section having ~~in each case~~ one rib which extends in the longitudinal direction of the ~~base~~ housing, close to ~~the~~ free ends of the two flanks, the rib engaging in a corresponding groove on ~~the an~~ inside of the side walls of ~~the base a lower part of the housing~~.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The adapter as claimed in claim 7, wherein the sliding part has, on the two flanks, a locking part in ~~the a~~ form of a rectangular section which is cut out of ~~the a~~ flank wall and is fixedly connected to the flank wall only on ~~the a~~ side remote from ~~the base a lower part of the housing~~.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The adapter as claimed in claim 9, wherein the locking part has projections, in ~~the a~~ form of saw teeth, on ~~the an~~ outside, close to ~~the an~~ edge facing ~~the base a lower part of the housing~~, which projections, when the adapter is assembled, engage in corresponding projections, in ~~the a~~ form of saw teeth, on ~~the an~~ inside of the side walls of the ~~base~~ lower part of the housing.